

Social Services/Support Groups **(Summit, Medina, Wayne Counties)**

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Below are just a few of the thousands of social services and support groups available. If you have questions or would like information about other services not listed, contact one of the Information and Referral Services listed below for your county.

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General Information & Referral Services(I & R Services):

Summit County: Info Line 211 or 330-376-6660

Web site: www.infolineinc.org

Medina County: 211 or 888-330-4211

Web site: <http://www.211medina.org/>

Wayne/Holmes Counties: Infolink: 800-247-9473 or
330-263-6363

Web site: <http://www.uwwayneholmes.org/infolink.php>

Stark County: 211 or web site:<http://www.uwgsc.org>

Hospital Social Service Departments: for questions about local support groups and services, your local hospital social service department can be a great resource.

Specialized Crisis Intervention/Suicide Hot Line

Summit County Crisis Intervention-Suicide Hotline/Portage Path; 330-434-9144 or 1-800-273-8255(National)

Medina County-Alternative Paths 330-725-9195

Wayne County-Counseling Center of Wayne and Holmes Counties, 330-264-9029

Specialized Youth Crisis Intervention Hot Line

Summit: Child Guidance Center, 330-762-0591

Medina: Village Network, 330-245-1041(hotline)

Wayne: Counseling Center of Wayne and Holmes Counties, Wooster; 330-264-9029

Basic Needs(Employment/ Food/Financial/Foreclosures/Medical)

Emergency Food Banks, WIC(Women, Infants, Children supplemental food program), Employment, Financial Help, Foreclosures, Free Medical Clinics, etc. contact your local Information and Referral Agency in your county listed above. Your parish St. Vincent de Paul Society may also be of help.

The Department of Jobs and Family Services in your County may be of assistance with employment and other emergency needs:

Summit: 330.643.8200; www.summitdjfs.org

Medina: 330.336.5200(Wadsworth); www.mcjfs.us

Wayne: 330.287.5800; 877.612.5800; www.wayneohio.org

Alcohol and Drug

AA for Summit, Medina and Wayne Counties: 330.253.8181 or 800.897.6737; www.akronaa.org. Alanon: friends/family support;

Alateen-recovery program for young people; web page:

www.al-anon.alateen.org/

ADM Board: 330.762.3500, Alcohol and Drug Emergencies: 330-996-7730; www.admboard.org

Alzheimer's

Area Agency on Aging: Uniontown. Covers Summit, Wayne, Portage and Stark Counties; Call 1.800.421.7277 or 330.896.9172; web page: www.services4aging.org

Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging: Cleveland; Call 216.621.8010 or 1.800.626.7277. Covers Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties. Web site: www.psa10a.org

Greater East Ohio Area Chapter-Alzheimers Association:

www.alz.org/akroncantonyoungstown. Call 800.272.3900 for more information. Serves Greater East Ohio.

Bereavement

Bereavement support groups provide an opportunity to learn about the grief process, share the feelings of loss in a safe environment, and spend special time with others who have experienced a similar loss.

Holy Cross Cemetery, 100 Waterloo Road, Akron, Ohio 44319; 330.724.1297

<http://www.clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org/bereavement.html>

Visiting Nurse Association, Akron, 330.745.1601; www.vnsa.com

Caregiver's Support

Area Agency on Aging: Uniontown; Covers Summit, Wayne, Portage and Stark Counties; Call 1.800.421.7277 or 330.896.9172. Web site: www.services4aging.org

Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging: Cleveland; 216.621.8010.

Covers Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties. Web site: www.psa10a.org

Mature Services: Akron; 330.253.4597; www.matureservices.org; multi service agency working with adults in Summit County

Catholic Charities Community Services/Summit County(formerly CYO):

Adult Day Care Program, 812 Biruta Ave., Akron, Ohio 44307;

Support group meets the last Wednesday of the month. Call

330.762.2000 and ask for the social worker. Web page:

www.akroncyo.org

Cancer Support Groups

American Cancer Society: 1.800.227.2345; www.cancer.org

Stewart's Caring Place: 330.836.1772; www.stewartscaringplace.org;

provides emotional, social, physical and spiritual support.

Also: Check with Social Service Departments at local hospitals.

Community Pregnancy Center of Barberton a Christian, charitable organization whose primary objective is to assist those concerned about pregnancy. 330-825-1900. Web: www.communitypregnancycenter.org

Counseling Agencies(also check I & R Services in your County)

Summit County:

- Catholic Social Services of Summit County, Akron; 330.762.7481; web site: www.csssc.org; or www.ccs Summit County.org
- Greenleaf Family Center, Akron, Ohio 44304; 330.376.9494; web site: www.greenleafctr.org
- Emerge Ministries, Akron (330) 867.5603 www.emerge.org
- Portage Path Behavioral Health (330) 253-3100; www.portagepath.org

Medina County:

- Catholic Charities Services of Medina County, 740 East Washington St, #E4, Medina, Ohio 44256; 330.723.9615 .
- Northland Counseling Services, 246 Northland Drive, Medina, Ohio 44256; 330.725.9191.

Wayne County:

- Catholic Charities Services of Wayne County, 521 Beall Ave., Wooster, Ohio 44691; 330.262.7836
- Counseling Center of Wayne and Holmes Counties, Wooster; 330.264.9029; www.ccwhc.org

Divorced/Separated

Ongoing Support Group: The Divorced, Separated & Widowed Catholics of Greater Akron meet at 7:30 pm the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month; Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls. They also plan social events every month. Call Frank (330.801.0527)

Also, more information is available from the Diocesan Catholic Charities, Department of Marriage and Family Web page:

www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm/divorce.htm

Domestic Violence

Summit and Medina Counties: Battered Women's Shelter; Hotline Summit: 1.888.395.4357; Medina: 1.888.414.1344; www.scmcbws.org

Wayne County: Every Woman's House; Hotline 330.263.1020 or 1.800.686.1122; www.everywomanshouse.org

Elizabeth Ministry-Elizabeth Ministry: Women supporting women during the joys and sorrows of pregnancy, birth, adoption, miscarriage, infertility, or losing a child; Barberton-Wadsworth-Doylestown Area; Sherri Shaffer 330.334.7659.

Gay and Lesbian Catholics

Support/Prayer Group for Gay and Lesbian Catholics: St. Hilary Parish, 2750 West Market St., Fairlawn; contact: Br. Denis Weber, SJ at 216.932.0617

Support Group for Parents and Families of Gay and Lesbian Catholics: St. John Vianney Parish, 7575 Bellflower Rd., Mentor 44060; contact: Fr. Tom Johns at 440-943-3445.Holy Spirit Parish, 410 Lear Road, Avon Lake, 44012; 440.933.3777. If anyone would like to help form a parents/family group in Summit County, please call Sister Rita Mary Harwood at 1.800.869.6525, ext. 2200

Disability Services

United Disability Services: Akron, 330.762.9755. Web site:

www.udsakron.org

Summit Board of Developmental Disabilities Board 330.634.8000; provides comprehensive services to people with developmental disabilities. Web site: www.summitdd.org

Employment Services-Group Support

SHENG-St. Hilary Employment Network Grp: 330.867.1055, ex. 300

Mental Health(also check I & R Services in your County)

Summit County Mental Health Emergency Crisis Intervention Hot Lines: 330.434.9144 or 1.888.434.8878.

Medina County: contact Alternative Paths 330.725.9195

<http://www.alternativepaths.org>

Wayne County: Counseling Center of Wayne and Holmes Counties, Wooster; 330.264.9029; www.ccwhc.org

Veterans Service Commissions-information on financial services for veterans is available:

Summit County: 330.643.2830

Medina County: 330.336.6657, ext. 9368

Wayne County: 800.335.6638